

What is claimed is:

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1 1. A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale  
2 terminal, comprising:  
3 measuring an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and  
4 performing a supplementary process in accordance with the activity rate.

1 2. The method of claim 1, in which the step of performing a supplementary process  
2 comprises:  
3 disabling a system for providing a supplementary process if the activity rate is greater  
4 than a predetermined threshold.

1 3. The method of claim 1, in which the step of performing a supplementary process  
2 comprises:  
3 enabling a system for providing a supplementary process if the activity rate is less than a  
4 predetermined threshold.

1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 determining a predetermined threshold in dependence on a signal indicative of time of  
3 day.

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1 5. An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-  
2 sale terminal, comprising:  
3 a storage device; and  
4 a processor connected to the storage device,  
5 the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and  
6 the processor operative with the program to:  
7 measure an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and  
8 perform a supplementary process in accordance with the activity rate.

1 6. The apparatus of claim 5, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:



8 provide a supplementary product offer in accordance with the activity rate and an  
9 offer schedule.

1 13. The apparatus of claim 12, in which the offer schedule comprises a set of supplementary  
2 product offers, each supplementary product offer corresponding to a predetermined range of  
3 activity rates.

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1 14. The apparatus of claim 13, in which successively time-consuming supplementary product  
2 offers correspond to successively greater ranges of activity rates.

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1 15. A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale  
2 terminal, comprising:  
3 measuring a criterion;  
4 determining, based on the criterion, whether to disable a system for providing a  
5 supplementary process; and  
6 disabling the system for providing a supplementary process.

1 16. An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-  
2 sale terminal, comprising:  
3 a storage device; and  
4 a processor connected to the storage device, the storage device storing a program for  
5 controlling the processor; and  
6 the processor operative with the program to:  
7 measure a criterion;  
8 determine, based on the criterion, whether to disable a system for providing a  
9 supplementary process; and  
10 disable the system for providing a supplementary process.

1 17. A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale  
2 terminal, comprising:  
3 measuring a criterion;

~~determining, based on the criterion, whether to enable a system for providing a supplementary process; and~~

~~enabling the system for providing a supplementary process.~~

a storage device; and  
a processor connected to the storage device, the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and  
the processor operative with the program to:

measure a criterion;  
determine, based on the criterion, whether to enable a system for providing a supplementary process; and  
enable the system for providing a supplementary process.

measuring an activity rate of a plurality of point-of-sale terminals;  
determining, based on the activity rate, whether to perform a supplementary process; and  
performing the supplementary process for at least one point-of-sale terminal.

performing the supplementary process for each point-of-sale/terminal.

a storage device; and

a processor connected to the storage device,

the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

the processor operative with the program to:

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7                    ~~measure an activity rate of a plurality of point-of-sale terminals;~~  
8                    ~~determine, based on the activity rate, whether to perform a supplementary~~  
9    process; and  
10                  ~~perform the supplementary process for at least one point-of-sale terminal.~~

1     22.     The apparatus of claim 21, in which the processor is further operative with the program  
2     to:  
3     perform the supplementary process for each point-of-sale terminal.

23. A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:

- measuring an activity rate of a plurality of point-of-sale terminals;
- determining, based on the activity rate, whether to disable a system for providing a supplementary process; and
- disabling a system for providing a supplementary process for each of a plurality of point-of-sale terminals.

24. An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:

- a storage device; and
- a processor connected to the storage device, the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and the processor operative with the program to:
  - measure an activity rate of a plurality of point-of-sale terminals;
  - determine, based on the activity rate, whether to disable a system for providing a supplementary process; and
  - disable a system for providing a supplementary process for each of a plurality of point-of-sale terminals.

1 3 25. A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale  
2 terminal, comprising:

3 measuring an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and  
4 if the activity rate is less than a predetermined threshold,  
5 determining an upsell in dependence on a purchase,  
6 determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase, and  
7 offering to exchange the upsell price for the upsell.

1 4.26. An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-  
2 sale terminal, comprising:  
3 a storage device; and  
4 a processor connected to the storage device,  
5 the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and  
6 the processor operative with the program to:  
7 measure an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and  
8 if the activity rate is less than a predetermined threshold,  
9 determine an upsell in dependence on a purchase,  
10 determine an upsell price in dependence on the purchase, and  
11 offer to exchange the upsell price for the upsell.

1 27. A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale  
2 terminal, comprising:  
3 receiving an override signal; and  
4 performing a supplementary process in accordance with the override signal.

1 28. The method of claim 27, in which the step of performing comprises:  
2 disabling a system for providing a supplementary process if the override signal does not  
3 indicate performance of the supplemental process.

1 29. The method of claim 27, in which the step of performing comprises:  
2 enabling a system for providing a supplementary process if the override signal indicates  
3 performance of the supplemental process.

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30. An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:

a storage device; and

a processor connected to the storage device,

the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

the processor operative with the program to:

receive an override signal; and

perform a supplementary process in accordance with the override signal.

31. The apparatus of claim 30, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:

disable a system for providing a supplementary process if the override signal does not indicate performance of the supplemental process.

32. The apparatus of claim 30, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:

enable a system for providing a supplementary process if the override signal indicates performance of the supplemental process.

33. A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:

receiving an override signal; and

if the override signal indicates performance of a supplemental process,

determining an upsell in dependence on a purchase,

determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase, and

offering to exchange the upsell price for the upsell.

34. An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:

a storage device; and

a processor connected to the storage device,

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5 the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and  
6 the processor operative with the program to:  
7 receive an override signal; and  
8 if the override signal indicates performance of a supplemental process,  
9 determine an upsell in dependence on a purchase,  
10 determine an upsell price in dependence on the purchase, and  
11 offer to exchange the upsell price for the upsell.

1 7 35. A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale  
2 terminal, comprising:  
3 measuring an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and  
4 if the activity rate is below a first predetermined threshold, offering a first upsell having  
5 an first offer speed; and  
6 if the activity rate is above a second predetermined threshold, offering a second upsell  
7 having a second offer speed greater than the first offer speed.

1 8 36. An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-  
2 sale terminal, comprising:  
3 a storage device; and  
4 a processor connected to the storage device,  
5 the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and  
6 the processor operative with the program to:  
7 measure an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and  
8 if the activity rate is below a first predetermined threshold,  
9 offer a first upsell having an first offer speed; and  
10 if the activity rate is above a second predetermined threshold,  
11 offer a second upsell having a second offer speed greater than the first  
12 offer speed.

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